

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB629

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 09, 2011
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Sullivan
One Liner: Adopt the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Reclamation and Recovery Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Kate Sullivan
Teri Taylor
Jay Wolf
Bonnie Kruse
John K. Hansen
Beth Hamilton
Duane Hovorka
Lynda Buoy
Susan Straka Luebbe
Jeri Kuchera
Jarel Vinduska
Ken Winston
Wayne Frost
Douglas Cobb
Marian Langan
Cara Brenner
Vern Barrett

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Nebraska Cattlemen; Self
Nebraska League of Women Voters
Nebraska Farmers Union
Self
Nebraska Wildlife Federation
Self
Self
Self
Self
Nebraska Sierra Club
Self
Self
Audubon Nebraska
Nebraska League of Conservation Voters
Self

Opponents:

Jim Krause
Paul Fuhrer
Bill Sydow
Ron Sedlacek
Dave Hayes
Gary Stauffer
Michael Schmaltz
Melody Sandell
Dan Gunderson
Darwin Pierson

Representing:

TransCanada-Keystone
TransCanada
Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce
Laborers International Union of North America
NMPP Energy
TransCanada
Self
American Petroleum Institute
Nebraska Independent Oil and Gas Association

Russell Sigler

Self

Neutral:

Wayne Woldt
Dave Wedin
Jerry Vap
Mike Loeffler
Scott Josiah
Leon Cederlind

Representing:

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
UNL School of Natural Resources
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Northern Natural Gas
UNL-Nebraska Forest Service
Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 629, as introduced, would adopt the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Reclamation and Recovery Act. It would have required Nebraska Public Service Commission certification to construct or operate a hazardous liquid pipeline through the state.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM1465 replaces the bill and does the following:

Creates the Oil Pipeline Reclamation Act;

Requires that a pipeline carrier owning, constructing, operating or managing a pipeline through the state for transporting oil be financially responsible for reclamation costs related to construction, operation and management of the pipeline;

Reclamation is to begin as soon as reasonably practicable upon backfill;

Responsibility continues until the pipeline is permanently decommissioned or removed;

The act does not prohibit a government entity from pursuing reclamation costs related to roads, bridges and other infrastructure;

The act provides the minimum standards to be met by a pipeline carrier.

The act is not to affect the agreements made between a landowner and pipeline carrier, and is not to affect a pipeline carrier's duties under applicable federal law or permits.

An emergency clause and severability clause are included.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson